Abolition of Death Penalty

2710. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to abolish death penalty; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be put into practice?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Speedy Trials of Corruption Cases

2711. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has desired speedy trial of Public servants facing corruption charges; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken to plug delay-pronged procedural trammels of our legal system?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Educational Qualifications for Contesting Elections

2712. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any basic educational qualification to contest elections would be introduced soon;

(b) if so, when the amendment bill to the relevant Act would be introduced; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to introduce such reforms?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. No such proposal is under consideration of the Government. Government is not in favour of any such proposal.